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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-36-85

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 1985-86 RATE SETTING FOR GROUP HOMES

REFERENCE:

The Foster Care Rates Bureau has entered into its third annual cycle of group home rate setting for about 350 ongoing providers of foster care. This year we are making a commitment to release by August 31, 1985, FY 1985-86 rates for all providers who submitted complete rate requests on time.

Ongoing providers' rate requests were due April 1, 1985. New providers and programs, and providers whose cost periods are other than the calendar year are received and processed on a flow basis. We anticipate reducing the amount of time for rate setting for these types of providers as well.

In order to accomplish these goals, we need your cooperation during the peak workload period of April through August 1985. We request that general inquiries, policy consultations, data requests, requests for review of regulations and proposals, and similar workload-generating contacts be kept to a minimum during this time. In return, we will provide you with FY 1985-86 rates and funding component percentages in a much more expeditious manner than we have in the last two years.

We intend to publish statewide lists of FY 1985-86 rates more quickly and frequently than in past years, for distribution via All-County Information Notice. This process will supersede the system of individual notification letters, which were inadequately distributed. These lists will be published at least monthly, more frequently during the peak release time of August and September 1985.

Meeting our commitment to process rate requests and notify counties of new rates more quickly will reduce or eliminate the need for months of retroactive rate adjustments. We need your cooperation so that we can better serve both counties and providers.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Leslie Frye, Foster Care Rate Bureau, at (916) 323-1263.

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Deputy Director

cc: CWDA